

Amusements

POLI'S

Friends of Betty Eldert literally showered her with flowers at Poli's last evening where she is appearing with her husband, Billy Sheetz, in a rural oddity. The act is most artistic and novelty is one of the appealing features. It is a different kind of an act and draws well. She has a delightful voice and her husband is an artistic whistling soloist. Their engagement here will close this evening.

Other attractive features of the program to be seen this evening include: Clark's Royal Hawaiians, eight South Sea Islanders, in a revue of native songs and dances; Paul Armstrong's great dramatic playlet "To Save One Girl"; Ward & Cullen, in their entertaining piano-songologue; and Lamb & Morton, hand balancers extraordinary.

June Caprice is starred in the film feature, a charming five part comedy-drama "A Modern Cinderella." The Hearst-Pathe News is another screen attraction.

Ellis Hall will be seen in the five part Bluebird feature "Her Soul's Inspiration," at the photoplay concert tomorrow night. There will be other big features, including a twelve reel show.

PLAZA

It is the last day of Mme. Dore's engagement at the Plaza and if you haven't seen the beautiful offering she has to offer there, you are missing something you will be sorry for later. There are eleven golden-voiced soloists in the cast, each chosen for his or her striking resemblance to some famous singer, including Caruso, Melba, Trazzini, McCormack and many others and the ensemble harmony is too exquisite for word description. The prison scene from "Faust" is beautifully rendered, and the scenic embellishment for the production is most elaborate.

"Eggs," a comedy singing and talking skit in the hands of Helen & Price; Gordon and Kinley, late of Cort's "Flora Bella" in a comedy Cort's "Flora Bella" in a comedy and the DeBour Sisters in a comedy and mirth complete the vaudeville. "The Little Yank," a five act Tri-angel production starring Dorothy Gish; "Love Under Cover," a Keystone comedy and "One Round O'Brien" make up the film program.

LYRIC

All this week rehearsals for "In Old Kentucky," the attraction at the Lyric next week have been going on and the Lyric Popular Players are already well up in their parts. The play will be positively the biggest thing yet attempted by the Lyricists and it is hoped that their efforts to please will be rewarded by capacity houses. "In Old Kentucky" is a very difficult piece to stage with a stock company mainly because of the length of the parts and the immense quantity of special scenery necessary. The principal scene is staged, at a race track and six horses are used to lend atmosphere. In addition there will be a picanniny band and minstrel show all worked in through the play. Much work has been done and considerable money spent by the management to properly produce the play and Lyric regular attendants are assured of an offering well worth their time and money.

Miss Frances McGrath, the exceptionally clever leading lady, will appear in a most delightful role which will be equaled by the delightfulness of the part to be played by David Herblin, the leading man. Mr. Herblin has worked extremely hard to please the Lyric patrons and he is reaping his reward in the well wishes of those who keenly enjoy his acting.

While waiting for next week, drop up to the Lyric to-night and see "Under Suspicion." The feminine lead, Rosalind, offers Miss McGrath the supreme opportunity since her advent to America's stage. Her part could not be missed by her admirers. Don't forget the pictures to-morrow evening, two performances, six to eight and eight to ten with nine reels of first release pictures, Episode No. 14 of "Liberty," "The Red Feather Mystery," a Red Feather drama and a new Nestor comedy.

EMPIRE

Fannie Ward and an all star cast of well known players will be seen in the five part Lasky-Paramount masterpiece, "Betty to the Rescue," which heads the all feature photoplay program at the Empire theatre to-day.

Miss Ward is one of the screen's foremost stars and she is at all times a most delightful and charming little magnetic star.

Sunday evening an all feature program of dramatic and comedy subjects will be shown headed by Miss Leslie Carter and an all star company in the stirring war drama, "The Heart of Maryland."

McEnelly's Singing Orchestra Here On Monday Evening.

Good news for the dancers is contained in the announcement that the Singing McEnellys will be at the Colonial Ball Room in Fairfield avenue next Monday evening and will play and sing for the concert and dancing. The coming of the McEnellys is always the occasion of a big crowd which fills the ball room, made up of the best young people of the city, who delight in the music furnished by this unique organization. There is but one McEnelly orchestra, and none other like it. All of the latest music, the march and waltz songs, are included in their repertoire, and many times they play them the first time heard in Bridgeport. Usual popular prices of admission prevail, and a good time is assured. You are cordially invited.—Adv.

CONTINUE JITTERS HEARING AT CAPITOL.

Bennie Plasi of Bridgeport, was before Secretary of State Perry yesterday to show cause why his license should be returned to him. It was alleged that he speeded ahead of a trolley, the bumper of which threw over his automobile, causing injury to himself and three passengers who were with him.

Secretary Perry said he would give the case a further hearing in Bridgeport, continuing the case for three weeks.

LACK OF FRENCH SERVANTS PROVES GROWING PROBLEM

Munition Factory Jobs Creates Great Scarcity of Maids.

Paris, Jan. 20.—Where do all the women come from who are working in France's war munition factories? Makers of artificial flowers supply many, and hat makers and dress-makers, but the bulk are former servants, among them cooks taking the first place. The "servant problem," which seems so simple in France to Americans visiting the country but which provides French housewives with quite as many tales of woe as their American sisters, has thus become still more difficult, and a mistress, when a maid approaches and begins a request for her "eight days" (the usual period nowadays immediately breaks in with, "You aren't going to work in a munition factory surely?" instead of waiting to be told the reason of the request.

The laundries have decided not to carry out their threat to shut down as the government has put 2,000 tons of coal at their disposal, but they have agreed to change the 20 percent increase in their rates to 60. A full 100 per cent. increase was proposed at a meeting of their syndicate, but was reduced to 60.

A striking example of how French people hoard their gold and keep their money at home unemployed has been announced by the manager of the Bank of France at Le Mans. An old lady died and \$65,000 in gold was found in her chateau and no less than \$200,000 in bank bills. The heirs have turned over the gold to the bank in return for national loan 5 per cent. stock.

Like every good thing, the institution of godmothers to politics can be abused. One Victorian Tournaire recently appeared before the courts on a charge of swindling. He had been wounded, sent to hospital and discharged. Instead of rejoining his regimental depot, he went to Paris and under various names succeeded in being adopted by no less than 60 godmothers, who took him out to lunch and dinner, to the theatre and movies and saw that he had always a little pocket money.

STEPNEY

The burial of Wilson Sherman occurred at the Elm street cemetery on Tuesday the Rev. William Posen officiating. Mr. Sherman had been a lifelong resident of this town until about a year and a half ago when his house was destroyed by flames. Since that time he has resided in Long Hill. He is survived by a widow and one son, also several grand children.

Albert Liska has been a recent visitor of his brother William Liska in Bridgeport. D. A. Green supervisor, of the schools has returned from a few weeks' vacation in Pennsylvania and recently visited the local schools.

Mrs. Botsford Peck who has been very ill is now slightly improved. Carleton Paddock has accepted a position in Bridgeport. Edward Booth spent this week with his daughter, Mrs. Campyout Cutler in Bridgeport.

The dance held by the local fire department in the Monroe town hall Tuesday evening was a social success, and the new department members express themselves as well satisfied with the financial returns.

Mrs. William Nichols is improving in health after a severe attack of the grip.

TASHUA AND LONG HILL.

Joseph Treddwell is confined to his bed by illness. The death of Wilson Sherman occurred Saturday, Jan. 13 in his 79th year. He is survived by his widow, one son, three grandchildren and one brother. The funeral was held Tuesday. Burial was at Elm street cemetery, at 3 o'clock.

An illustrated lecture was delivered by Rev. F. W. Posen on the Holy Land, Sunday evening, at the M. E. church. Next Sunday evening there will be five minute talks by four laymen as follows: Superintendent H. C. Hedges, subject, "The Church and the Sunday School"; Victor Liefeldt, "My Relation to the Church"; Frank Rube, subject, "What the Church Stands For"; Lulu B. Abbott, "Co-operation." Billy Sunday hymn books have been purchased and were used last Sunday evening for the first time.

Samuel G. Seeley has sold a field of timber land situated in Easton near the Fisher place, to William Stowe of Bridgeport. Mrs. Mary Lowe of Cleveland, O., has finished her visit with Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Wildman and is now visiting relatives in Danbury before leaving for York state.

The announcement of the marriage of Miss Alice Gahler, daughter of Peter Gahler to Charles G. Peck, also of Long Hill, was made at an informal dinner, Sunday night amidst a gathering of relatives at the home of Peter Gahler. The ceremony took place at Porterchester, N. Y., in December. The bride and groom and their friends were much pleased in their wedding day.

A musical entertainment will be given in the Gym at some future date by Mr. and Mrs. Jerome May and Mrs. Hildebrand of Stratford. Arthur Gahler, who has been spending some time with his father, Peter Gahler, will return this week to San Francisco.

Fred Gahler, who has been ill of the grip does not improve as his friends would wish.

Miss Daisie Seeley has returned to Tashua, after spending a month at the home of Charles S. Everett of Easton.

Mrs. Frances Jenkins is spending the winter months in Newark, N. J. The death of Mrs. J. W. Drew, a former resident of Long Hill, occurred at her home in Bridgeport Sunday. She is survived by her husband. Interment was in Elm street cemetery, Monroe, Wednesday.

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BRAVES TO SIGN IF THEY CAN GET RAISES IN SALARIES

New York, Jan. 20.—It was learned yesterday that several members of the Boston Braves are ready to affix their signatures to new contracts if Percy Haughton is willing to loosen up on his purse strings and give them the same salaries as last season. Also that Al Demaree, lately of the Phillies, but now a member of the Chicago Cubs, is slowly backing down in his warlike declarations.

It is alleged that the pitcher has written a letter to Fultz protesting against making the Cubs the storm center of the strike. In his letter, Demaree also is said to have stated that if the Fraternity calls a walk-out of the Cubs on Feb. 20 he would not be included. Fultz said yesterday that he had not yet received the letter from Demaree.

However, David L. does not seem to be worrying to any considerable extent over these miscalculations in his efforts to make the minor league club owners toe the mark and grant the requests of the Fraternity. He declared yesterday that he was well pleased with the meetings held in Boston on Thursday night and that everything was running smoothly from his side of the trenches. At the meeting in Boston the players present gave him their assurance that they would stand by their promise and fight on to the bitter end.

President Fultz explained the reason for the failure of Rabbit Maranville, one of the board of directors of the Fraternity, to attend the meeting. According to Fultz, the shortstop spent most of the evening speaking on baseball at the Y. M. C. A. meeting in a nearby city. Another report says that the Rabbit stayed away because he is about through with the Fraternity. It was only the other day that the shortstop was quoted as saying that he would sign if Haughton gave him a raise in salary for the coming season.

Fred Mitchell, Cub Manager, Broke Into Baseball as Pitcher

When Fred Mitchell, new manager of the Cubs, first broke into professional baseball he was a pitcher for the Boston Americans of 1901, Jimmy Collins being manager at that time. Fred's first start as a big leaguer was against the White Sox at old Comiskey park, and this is the way he tells about it.

"I was just a kid and anxious to make good, so Jimmy Collins gave me a start at old Sox Park. I was scared stiff and the first inning was awful. I was shaking with stage fright and walked two or three guys and then some one swatted one. Freddie Parent chose that time to kick a couple of grounders.

"The result was that when the first five runs and we had nothing. There was one fellow on the club at that time who was my friend, and that was Buck Freeman. He came in from right field after the inning and I remember just what he said to Jimmy Collins.

"You're not going to take the kid out, are you, Jim?" he said. "Not on your life," answered Jim. "I went back and had my head with me from then on and stopped like White Sox. In the fourth inning Buck Freeman came up with one on and drove the ball over the fence. You know how old Buck could hit 'em. In the eighth inning Buck came up again with two on, and once more he poled the ball out of the lot, tying the score. Before the inning was over we led, 8 to 5, and I won the game, 10 to 5. I always have remembered the part Buck Freeman played."

Rube Ferns, Former Welter Champion, Had Brief Reign at the Top

This is the birthday of two once famous welterweights—James Ferns, known as the "Kansas Rube," born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 20, 1874, and William Elroy Parker, known as "Kid" Parker and the "Vegetarian Champ," born in Boston on Jan. 20, 1877. Ferns had a brief reign as wel-

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Rube was then recognized as welterweight champion. He then whipped Frank Erne at Fort Erie, but in December he tackled Joe Walcott at the same place, and was knocked out by the black "Demon." Parker was never a champion, except of the vegetarians, although he fought many good battles. The Scotchman fought a draw with Matty Matthews in 1900, but was defeated the same year by Joe Gans. He wound up his career in the Northwest, where he was twice knocked out by Maurice Thompson in 1906.

Mayor Mitchell designated fourteen citizens a delegation to represent New York city at the funeral of Admiral Dewey.

President Wilson selected the Second cavalry at Fort Meyer, Va., for his personal escort at the inaugural ceremonies.

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